

House Resolution 1457

By: Representatives Scott of the 153rd, Amerson of the 9th, Hill of the 21st, Maxwell of the 17th, Williams of the 4th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ralph Puckett; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ralph Puckett has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
3 role that he has played in leadership and for his deep personal commitment to the welfare of
4 the citizens of Georgia and the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Ralph Puckett, a native of Tifton, Georgia, is retiring again from service to his
6 country after 12 years as an Honorary Colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning,
7 Georgia, where he observed training and shared his knowledge and expertise daily with the
8 next generation of Army Rangers; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated in 1949 from the United States Military Academy and formed,
10 trained, and commanded the Eighth Army Ranger Company as a second and first lieutenant;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, he has earned two Distinguished Service Crosses, two Silver Stars, three
13 Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars, the Commendation Medal, ten Air Medals, and five
14 Purple Hearts in addition to the Cross of Gallantry with Palm from the Republic of Viet Nam
15 and the Order of Merit from Columbia; and

16 WHEREAS, he retired from the Army as a colonel in 1971 after 22 years of service and he
17 was an inaugural inductee into the U. S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame in 1992 for
18 extraordinary valor and distinguished service as a Ranger qualified leader; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2007, he received the prestigious Doughboy Award that recognizes
20 individuals who have contributed greatly to the cause of the infantry soldier; and

1 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
2 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
3 nation have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

4 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
5 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

6 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
7 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body commend Ralph Puckett for his many years of efficient, effective,
10 unselfish, and dedicated service to this state and nation and extend to him their most sincere
11 best wishes for continued health and happiness.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ralph Puckett.